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Understandably, the first question most people ask is how much they should budget for the officiant's services. The answer is that it entirely depends upon the type of officiant, level of experience, quality of work and what the officiant believes to be the scope of his or her responsibilities. Officiants who charge more also do more for you. The fee for a wedding can depend upon where your venue is located and whether or not a rehearsal is included. I strive to be fair, consistent and open about my officiating fees. All costs are disclosed at the time of contract so there are no hidden budgetary surprises!

Rites of Passage

I do not charge set fees for ministerial services such as child dedications, memorial services and other rites of passage simply because they are typically less formal, require little to no coordination with other vendors, tend to be scheduled with very little lead time and are usually shorter in duration. Instead, I accept a voluntary honorarium at your discretion.

Wedding Officiating Fees

Include:

- All communication and meetings necessary to customize your service
- Crafting and preparation of your personalized service
- Availability for questions and concerns regarding any aspect of your wedding planning
- Conducting the rehearsal (*if contracted to do so*)
- Early arrival at the wedding venue to allow for coordination with other wedding vendors, calm nerves and tackle any last minute tasks necessary to get your ceremony off to a smooth and timely start.
- Officiating of your ceremony
- Keepsake wedding folder which includes an attractive marriage certificate, printed copy of the complete service, and a few additional mementos.
- Filing of the marriage license if the couple so desires (*Although anyone may return the completed license, I always offer take on this responsibility if the bride and groom would like me to do so. I file Brevard County licenses in person at the courthouse within two or three business days and mail out-of-county licenses to the originating county via certified mail*)
- Portable PA system (with stand mic) if deemed necessary
- All travel expenses relative to the ceremony
- Cheerful disposition, professional demeanor, charming sense of humor and basic brilliance
- Quick thinking and creative problem solving that has proved quite handy at the least expected moments
- Pastoral care if necessary - Weddings are highly emotional times and I have found my pastoral care experience has proven invaluable on more than one occasion.



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Wedding Officiating Fees throughout Central Florida

The rates listed below can be safely used for budgetary purposes. Exact fees may vary slightly depending upon your unique circumstances and are determined at the time of contract. I promise no unexpected additional charges will ever be added to your balance. Because I include all travel expenses, my rate sheet is broken down by region.

Brevard County Central

**Between SR 520 (West Cocoa Beach Causeway) and
Landside: Palm Bay Rd (I95 Exit 176) / Beach: Fifth Ave. (Melbourne CSWY)**

\$200 Wedding Only	\$75 Deposit	\$125 Balance
\$300 Wedding & Rehearsal	\$100 Deposit	\$200 Balance

North and South Areas

**North of SR 520 (West Cocoa Beach Causeway) and
Landside: South of Palm Bay Rd (I95 Exit 176) / Beach: South of Fifth Ave. (Melbourne CSWY)**

\$250 Wedding Only	\$100 Deposit	\$150 Balance
\$375 Wedding & Rehearsal	\$125 Deposit	\$250 Balance

Central Florida

Exact fees for venues outside Brevard County depend upon the mileage from my home office to the wedding venue, but the following are good budgetary guidelines. Please call or email with the address of the venue for a more precise quote.

Metro-Orlando, Indian River and Volusia Counties

Wedding Only \$300 - \$450	Wedding with a Rehearsal \$450 - \$600
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Beyond Central Florida

Although I am happy to accommodate long distance travel if my schedule permits, you are likely to find a perfectly competent officiant in your local area with whom you will not incur additional travel expenses. However, there have been occasions when I have been asked to "pretty please consider driving three hours to perform our wedding!" I have, and yes, I am incredibly flattered to be asked. Not to mention I get a few hours in the car without my sons squabbling in the backseat. I have even flown to New Jersey.



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Considerations Available

I offer a \$25 fee reduction if any one of the following apply:

- MILITARY (Active, Retired or Reserve)
- STUDENT
- MID-WEEK (Monday-Thursday)
- VOW RENEWAL/SYMBOLIC (No marriage license required)
- ASTON VILLA FC FANS (A small quiz may be administered)
- NOTARY OPTION

I offer an additional \$25 fee reduction for couples who have taken a [Marriage Education](#) class with me.

Fee reductions may not be available on major holidays.

Cancellation Policy

Although it happens rarely, there are times a couple may have to cancel their contract. I am mindful of the expenses associated with wedding deposits and strive to be fair with my cancellation policy. A contract may be cancelled upon notification via email or regular post.

My contracted deposit is considered non-refundable as it guarantees the date and time of the ceremony and thus I decline any other business while the contract is active. When a wedding is cancelled, I clear my calendar and will again speak to other couples who inquire about that same date and general time period.

In the event I rebook: I will of course happily refund the original deposit from the couple who cancelled. I do not insist a subsequent booking be for the exact time of the original wedding. Simply rebooking something for the same day may suffice.

In the event I am unable to rebook: In these instances I have to make a judgment call. Factors such as the demand for the time period in question and how far in advance I have had the opportunity to rebook are considered. For example, I may reserve the right to keep a deposit if I have had to turn down several requests while the contract was active, but do not have adequate time to rebook after the cancellation. On the other hand, I may refund a deposit if I have had time to receive subsequent inquiries after a cancellation that did not result in a booking.

I do reserve the right to deduct incurred expenses from any deposit.

Important: Please note that weddings cancelled within 14 days of the wedding date will most likely result in a loss of the deposit as I will have already spent time drafting the ceremony and printed the keepsake folder with certificate.



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Payment Methods

When received, I always respond with written confirmation for receipt of payment.

Acceptable methods of payment:

Cash, Personal Check, Money Order, Visa, MC, Amex, Discover and PayPal.

The PayPal address is: brevardminister@cfl.rr.com. Personal checks returned for insufficient funds incur an additional \$25.00 service fee and will be due payable in cash, money order or paypal within ten days of notification.

The Reservation Process

Initial Consultation: The first thing we should do is have an initial consultation so you can decide if I am the one best suited to meet your expectations. Such meetings are of course at no charge and with absolutely no obligation. This provides you the opportunity to decide if you would like me as your officiant and I become familiar with the scope of the ceremony based on your vision. The consultation can be as simple as a telephone conversation, an email exchange, or we may arrange a time to meet in person. If we arrange a time to meet in person and you change your mind, please do extend me the courtesy of calling in advance to cancel. I understand completely.

To schedule a consultation please call 321-255-9086 or email brevardminister@cfl.rr.com.

Date and Time Reservation: Should you decide to retain my services, a non-refundable deposit reserves the date and time of your nuptials. I never double book and prefer to serve one couple per day. In the event of multiple weddings on a single day I try to leave plenty of time between ceremonies. I don't want the stress either!

I always allow for travel time, early arrival, reasonable delays and ample time for pictures and witness signatures. If notified in advance I will also allow time for a meal or reception blessing to inaugurate the post-ceremony festivities.

The deposit is due with the signed contract and guarantees reservation of the date and time. The balance is due at the rehearsal or ceremony, but may be paid at any time.

After Retaining Services: I continue to work with you from my office to develop a service tailored to your needs and desires. Some weddings can take as few as a handful of exchanged phone calls and emails to others that require extensive communication, perhaps personal meetings spent re-crafting the ceremony and the ironing out of last minute details.



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At the rehearsal and ceremony, I function not only as a celebrant but also as a service coordinator ensuring smooth continuity; professionally managing group emotional energy, occasionally becoming a pastoral caregiver and more often than not, a trouble-shooter resolving unexpected glitches of all sorts.

Additional Fee Information

Intimate Wedding Package: I do offer another level of service designed for couples who want a bit more than just a civil courthouse ceremony, but want to avoid the fuss of planning all of the details for their very small wedding celebration. The cost is dependent upon the customization of the package.

Private Elopement: On rare occasions I have had couples ask if they could simply stop by my home or my church office at a mutually convenient time to solemnize their union and certify they were joined by me in marriage. Rather than a prepared ceremony, this generally entails a casual conversation regarding the couple, their regard for one another and expectations for their marriage. I then witness their desire to be married, complete the Certificate of Marriage section of their State of Florida Marriage Record and file their completed license with the Clerk of Courts. I am happy to do so for just \$50.

Delayed Ceremony Fees: I would prefer not to include this on my contract. Unfortunately, due to increasing instances of unreasonable and extreme delays, I have had to do so. I explain this policy when presenting a contract so the couple understands the charge and is prepared in the event of an exceptional delay.

I fully expect most ceremonies to begin anywhere from 5-20 minutes late. I plan my schedule accordingly striving to keep my days as flexible and stress-free as possible. I am happy to assist with any last minute preparations necessary to facilitate a reasonable start time. I will do everything that is within my power to get your ceremony started on time.

Therefore, I reserve the right to bill a late charge for ceremonies that begin more than thirty minutes after the planned start time. In the very unlikely event an extremely excessive delay results in my schedule making it impossible for me to remain on-site, the couple is still responsible for the full officiating fee and may incur an additional late charge dependent upon the length of time I waited before having to leave. This has never happened as of yet, but a handful of times came dangerously close.

The couple will be sent an invoice for the late charge payable within thirty days per the fee schedule below.

30-45 minutes \$ 50
45-60 minutes \$100
60-75 minutes \$150
75-90 minutes \$200